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## Struggle for the Ukraine

The struggle between Berlin and Brussels, on the one side, and Moscow, on the other, for the predominating influence in the Ukraine is growing sharper - according to a report published by German foreign policy .com. Since the end of 2012, the German RWE company has been systematically expanding its natural gas deliveries to this East European country. Its objective is to break Kiev's dependence on Russian natural gas, by reversing the flow in the pipelines already in place, to deliver large quantities of the gas from the West. However, these efforts - also being supported by the German EU Energy Commissioner, Günter Oettinger - are not advancing rapidly enough. According to reports, pro-western circles in the Ukraine are complaining that Slovakia - without whose pipelines, a

breakthrough would hardly be possible - is opposing the project. Brussels, therefore, should exert pressure on that country, because time is running out. The Ukrainian government signed a memorandum last week, which is considered an important step toward its integration in the Russian-dominated EurAsian Economic Community, about to be established. In Berlin, Ukrainian participation in this community is perceived as incompatible with Kiev's integration into EU structures. This conflict, which in principle, has been going on for twenty years, is being fueled by this new accentuation.

### 20-Year Conflict

In principle, the struggle for predominating influence in the Ukraine has been going on since the collapse of the Soviet Union, in late 1991. Whereas Berlin would like to integrate

that country into Germany-dominated European structures, Moscow, for its part, seeks to bind Kiev closer to Russia. From the German-European perspective, one stage of this tug of war for the Ukraine's incorporation, was the "Orange Revolution" in late 2004, bringing pro-western forces into power.<sup>[1]</sup> And, most recently, the intense - but unsuccessful - attempt to have the ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko released from prison on the occasion of the European Soccer Finals held in 2012 in the Ukraine.<sup>[2]</sup> Formally, Berlin and Brussels are seeking to impose their influence by initiating - association agreement with Kiev, as a means of imposing the Ukraine's incorporation into EU structures. On the other hand, Moscow seeks to incorporate Kiev into the EurAsian Economic Community

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## Putin's Marriage Ended

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his wife, Lyudmila, said on state television, quoted by VOA news, that they had separated and their marriage was over after 30 years.

Asked on Rossiyas-24 television about longstanding rumors that they no longer live together, the 60-year-old Putin said: "That is true."

Lyudmila Putin, 55, said it had been a "our common decision. And our marriage is over due to the fact that we barely see each other."



Asked whether they were divorced, Lyudmila said it was a "civilized divorce". But neither clarified whether they were legally divorced and Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said he did not know.

Before today, the couple had last been seen in public together at Putin's inauguration to his third presidential term on May 7, 2012.

They married in 1983 and have two daughters, both in their 20s.

## VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM AND THEIR PERSECUTORS (V)

by Gabriel T. Gherasim, MA - New York

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### Psychological Modification

A Romanian priest, called Fr. Roman Braga, and who was imprisoned over 24 years in Communist prisons for his faith, told his fellow cellmate, pastor Richard Wurmbrand, why they were being tortured and asked by KGB commissars and Securitate agents to not only keep silent about their faiths, but to curse the Messiah: "If they just kill all of us, Christians, we will go to Heaven as saints. But they don't want us to become martyrs. First, they want us to curse God, Jesus, and the Bible, so that after our deaths we'll also go to Hell" (Wurmbrand, 1994, p. 74). Lynne Mc Taggart (2002) considered the existence of spirit (tainted or untainted), explained as an energetically fundamental living and intelligent field, and that is a scientifically proven phenomenon.

One may also explain how despite a draconic regimen of unilateral decimation, starvation, exposure to physical and mental abuse, some victims of Communism (and of other totalitarian regimes), managed to survive, prosper, recreate internal and external harmony, forgive, and even pray for their persecutors, just as many did not make it beyond the first interrogation. The intrapersonal influence we may have over the universe, based on our intentions, interpretations, and actions, may be that which the Communists tried desperately to inhibit in their victims, and at the same time that which was the saving grace for those very victims, in surviving, healing, moving on in life, despite their ordeals, or simply to die in peace. Yet, the effects of the forcefully inverted common sense values are still lingered with millions of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder victims among the masses.

Stanislav Grof (2000) agrees by differentiating between people with different physical strengths or body chemistries that react differently to the same indoctrination, torture, environmental limitations. In surviving at all, or in healing afterwards, Grof (2000), also points to the individual's physical or social expectation, emotional state, social role or spiritual beliefs, which may all contribute to that person's intrapersonal traits and overall biological survival.

According to Schellenbach, (1996) conflict resolution may be addressed in counseling and mediation by exploring and understanding the stake-holders awareness of emotions, of their mutual issues and different interpretations of the same facts, of their physical sensations, or how to differentiate between manifested and implied positions and interests.

For the oppressors, introspection and understanding of the intrapersonal motivators to do good and bad, be it done individually, in mediation, or during counseling, may disarm the same inner potential which has been tapped into doing harm for over 70 years. For both victims and perpetrators, their understanding of these intangible but powerful forces, may mean the difference between a life continued in misery, or in harmony, according to the sense they give to their destinies to date.

Authors Helmick, and Petersen (2001) describe how during the South African Truth and Reconciliation Committee, addressing the intrapersonal aspects of sufferings from the victims and accountability from the oppressors, was of paramount importance, in order to make the healing process a unique one for that country. Reframing otherwise justified stuck, anger, sadness, depression, reactivity, helplessness and PTSD, identified primarily in both the victims and the perpetrators, from the original destructive venting, into dialogue, allowed for valid emotional complaints to be stated in constructive frameworks, so that the society could find mutually acceptable restorative measures, move on to tangible reparations, close closure of apartheid, and restart anew building a country from more equalitarian paradigms.

### Interpersonal

Twenty years after the official Communist demise in Europe, research shows that Central/Eastern European countries which had been behind the Iron Curtain, still struggle with mending interpersonal relationships that had been destroyed or seriously damaged by Communist manipulation of the masses (European Voice, 2008). Interpersonal alterations, be they active (individual initiative) or passive (imposed on the individual), are due to experiences of a traumatic life under Communist dictatorships that led most people to act unreasonably and in a subservient fashion towards an oppressor, even after the official European Communist collapse of 1989. Changing the societies' mentalities, actions and

interactions is needed in order to create the right premise for an equalitarian dynamic.

In a documentary called *The Soviet Story* (2008), the director was able to give the audience a glimpse into the harrowing experiences of interpersonal damage Communism has meant for its subjects, which included but was not limited to, murder of millions of civilians through: arrests, torture, mass killings, organized famine, forced relocation, destroying the privacy of the institution of marriage, forced Russification, using family members as hostages in order to extort subsidies, refugees abroad, prohibition, or long delays in allowing family reunification abroad (Smyre, 2008).

Fisher, and Erbel, (1995) discuss some of the reformative of communication paradigms that need to occur in interpersonal dynamics that will help resolve such a great tear in the fabric of Communist societies. Communities need to avoid the mistakes of: lumping together people and their problems; trying to solve spiritual and relational problems with material trade-offs; blame others for the Communist system's own abuses, mismanagements, or incompetence; and think as the only solution to solving people's problems to of a violent resort, that is, revolution (Fisher, and Erbel, 1995). With new respect in dialogue and mutual acceptance of people's differences, there will be no more killing of the God that "doesn't exist" and persecuting of the social classes, even of those that the government supposedly "represents" (Wurmbrand, 1994).

Possession of (or detachment from) other ethnic groups, such as with some members of the Russian or Jewish ones, of the Communist revolutions, and the justification, denial, or diminishing of the Communist genocides, with their over a hundred millions victims to date, need to give way to a case by case judgment of Communist criminals and their crimes. Communism was an international tyrannical system, where Communist torturers came from all ethnic groups and walks of life and persecuted innocent individuals from all walks of life and from all ethnic groups (Wurmbrand, 1994).

Instead, individuals such as Jonathan Sacks (1997), Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom, have showed in the USA, in Europe, and in Israel, particular favoritism for Communist doctrines and ideologies/dictators, even defending Karl Marx being called an anti-Semitic as an ["Anachronism"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anachronism) as ["anachronism"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anachronism), because: "when Marx wrote On the Jewish Question, virtually all major philosophers had expressed similar views against the Jews, and the word anti-Semitism had not yet been coined, let alone developed into a racial epithet (sic). Thus, Marx simply expressed the commonplace thinking of his era" (as quoted by Wikipedia, 2010).

Also, some members of the Jewish communities consider that the Communists are to be forgiven and forgotten all their genocides and only admired for the saving of Jews from the Nazi Holocaust.

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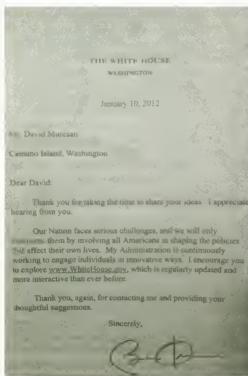


## Ignorance at highest level?

by David Muresan,  
inventor and researcher

David Muresan, born in Romania, ex-professor, engineer, inventor, researcher, lives on Camano Island WA, a place often called "heaven on Earth".... He came to US a year before the Romanian "coup d'état" (1989), now being 68 years. Young, as he says. We have found him this spring, very frustrated because nobody paid much attention to what he called as possible money makers: his ideas and inventions. Mr. Muresan, indeed, looks brilliant, and, for many, like the crazy professor from "Back to the future", the classic movie. He has two inventions patented in Romania in electric motors. Another patent is pending in USA. And he already got, according to his statement, another four inventions patented in America. One in computer electronics, one in lighting, one in computer hardware, and one in digital picture.

"The Eastern European Echo" is the only publication in NW America which ever talked to this gentleman. And we can tell you, it worth it: we think Mr. Muresan is the only man in our country who wrote and received answers from both The White House, D.C. and Buckingham Palace, England. He also agreed to have his personal thoughts, opinion, published with us. (Dan Leontescu)



Recently death of Margaret Thatcher prompted me to write this article to draw people's attention about human health. I noticed that Thatcher had a broken speech, which is specific to people using some medications. The explanation is that those medications can damage the brain and will not control the muscles used

for speech. Because I am interested in enhancing the immune system to fight diseases I did intensive researches in that direction. Based on my observations and quotes I developed a simple way to enhance immune system by elevating the body temperature.

It is known that raising the body temperature, as fever, is beneficial for our body, because infections are cured and nerves are healthy

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas. I appreciate hearing from you.

Our Nation faces serious challenges, and we will only overcome them by involving all Americans in shaping the policies that affect their own lives. My Administration is continuously working to engage Americans in innovative ways. I encourage you to explore the WhiteHouse.gov, which is regularly updated and more interactive than ever before.

Thank you again, for connecting me and providing your thoughtful suggestions.

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Muresan:

The Queen has asked me to thank you, for your letter of 2nd June, and I must first of all apologize for the delay in replying. Due to the very high volume of mail received in recent weeks, it has not been possible to reply until now.

Careful reader has been taken of your comments regarding your work as an engineer in medical devices, and that you wish to present your findings on human health to Her Majesty.

I should explain that Her Majesty is a constitutional Sovereign who acts on the advice of her Ministers. Therefore, it is possible for Her to:

I am sorry to accept my good wishes to you.

Because my ideas are not known yet, I wrote to different personalities to allow me to present my ideas. I wrote to President Obama, British Queen, and Noreen Fraser, suffering of breast cancer, but the reception was very negative. None of them paid any attention to my letters and refused in writing to listen to me. I annex her letters from them. What surprises me is the Noreen refusal to listen to my ideas as she has a foundation to find the cure for breast cancer.

I wish to inform everybody suffering of any disease that is a cure for diseases, that is to use the cause and effect approach and to eliminate

faces serious challenges, and will only overcome by involving all Americans in shaping the policies that affect their own lives. My administration is continuously working to engage individuals in innovative ways. I encourage you to explore www.WhiteHouse.gov, which is regularly updated and more interactive than ever before.

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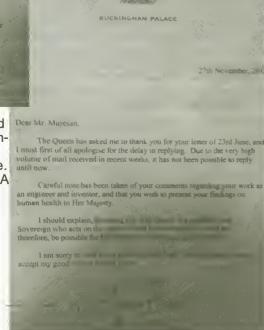
Sincerely,

Barak Obama  
(his Signature)

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Buckingham Palace

27th November, 2012  
Dear Mr. Muresan,  
The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 23rd June, and I must



the cause to cure diseases. That is possible.

PS: in photos, the mail I received from White House and Buckingham Palace.

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Mr. David Muresan

Dear David:  
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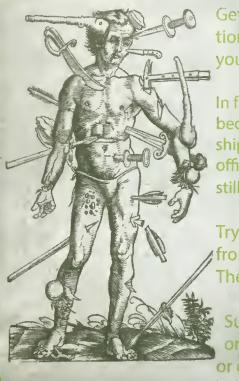
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I am sorry to send you a disappointed reply. Nevertheless, please accept my good wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Sonia Bonici,  
Senior Correspondence  
Officer

## A Costly Mistake

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surprised if today's euro zone members ten years from now will be extremely surprised. Economic tensions and political antagonisms are growing all the time. Europe finds itself in a very difficult situation. High and persistent unemployment, nationalism and xenophobia are threatening many countries. The European peoples' sense of solidarity is at stake. If one or several of the weaker countries were to leave the euro zone, the price they would have to pay is likely to be very high (in the short run). For this reason, I don't think that it will be Greece, Portugal, Spain or Italy that will be the first countries to abandon the euro. But I suspect that Germany will find a continued membership a heavy burden. There is no end in sight to the need to bail out countries that are, paradoxically, suffering from Germany's strength.

Germany does not need the euro to maintain its international competitiveness and excellent access to international credit markets. So my forecast is that Germany one day will decide that it is in the best interest of the country - and in the interest of the weaker euro zone countries as well! - to leave the currency union. This would be a very difficult process, but in a longer-term perspective may be necessary. Another scenario would be the creation of a smaller currency union between a few member states - Germany and Austria, perhaps, the Benelux countries, possibly France - and let the others go back to their own currencies. Also a very costly process. But compared to defending an extremely poorly designed monetary union, I think the price would be worth paying. The EMU is likely to collapse this year, or next. We will probably need a series of expensive bailouts, and mounting political and social unrest, before Europe's politicians acknowledge that the whole EMU project was a costly mistake.

## On the phone? You are not alone...

The U.S. National Security Agency is reported to be collecting the telephone records of millions of American customers of one of the nation's largest phone companies, under a secret court order issued in April.

The order, first reported by Britain's *Guardian* newspaper, appears to require a subsidiary of Verizon to turn over "on a daily basis" all call logs, both within the United States and between the U.S. and other countries. The *New York Times* and *Washington Post* are also reporting the story, saying the order does not require Verizon to provide information on the content of calls.

Officials at the FBI and White

House declined to comment, as did representatives with Verizon - according to VOA News.

Reports say the court order falls under section 215 of the controversial domestic surveillance law, the Patriot Act. Section 215 made it easier for "business records" to be acquired by U.S. intelligence agencies.

The Patriot Act became law soon after the September 11, 2001 al-Qaeda attacks against the United States, to enhance the powers of law enforcement agencies to track terrorism suspects.

Some lawmakers and civil liberty groups have been critical of the

broad surveillance powers granted under the law.

In 2011, President Barack Obama signed into law a four-year extension of key provisions of the Patriot Act, including those allowing authorities to use roving wiretaps (electronic eavesdropping), conduct court-ordered searches of business records, and conduct surveillance of foreign nationals who may be acting alone in plotting attacks.

The Obama administration has been under fire recently after revelations that the U.S. Justice Department secretly obtained phone records from the Associated Press news agency in connection with a leak investigation.

## health

### Cleaner Gasoline and Vehicle Standards Would Yield Major Health Benefits

They say "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The American Lung Association's latest report, "A Penny for Prevention: The Case for Cleaner Gasoline and Vehicle Standards" reveals that Americans would see major health benefits and save billions of dollars if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is able to fully implement the newly proposed standards for cleaner gasoline and cleaner vehicles.

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## History

## Martyrs of Science (XXXIII)

by Paul Petrescu, Germany

He was convinced that the old secret Hebrew word for God, directly related to the sacred numbers that represented the beginning and the end of all things, was the magic word. The Pythagorean numbers which detained a superior reality revived in the occult Cabballa were thus reinforced as representing the universe. Analysing the non-conceivable attributes of God, the Hebrew word for "nothing" with the structure of many numbers, is the perfect expression. Hence Reuchlin's genesis of the universe begins with nothingness, which filled the cosmic space. For the birth of the universe this magic nothingness concentrated in a point, leaving all the rest empty. Through the power of radiation of the creative nothingness which was like a central cosmic light, the universe was created with numbers as its first manifestation.

We have to leave here Johannes Reuchlin with his amazing "big-bang" concept, preceding even Hawking's a.m.o. modern theories about, to remember one of his contemporary philosopher and magician, Cornelius Agrippa von Nettesheim. He wanted to learn magic and natural forces not the democratic magic, the science of sciences, in order to know and subdue the natural laws. Cornelius Agrippa was convinced that he had first to study the natural phenomenon as they present themselves to the senses.

He had no time to learn everything but wanted to save a friend in the Pyrenees only with his magic powers. He had to flee to Spain after being denounced as a sorcerer. After long wanderings, far and wide to teach and use magical arts, Agrippa found shelter at Metz, as a public officer and judge. Here he wished to save a woman accused of witchcraft from the stake because he knew that had to burn the sorceress. This time he didn't use his magic powers. He just argued that the poor woman was baptised and therefore she was freed from her mother's sin by the holy sacrament of christening. Cornelius won but had to start again his travels to flee the Inquisition.

In 1530 Cornelius published "De Vanitate Scientiarum -About the Futility of the Sciences", where he strongly criticized the scientist who used only their imagination instead of objective observation of nature. Again in France the church succeeded in putting him under arrest but he was freed with the influence of his political friends and died at Grenoble, 1535. He was more naïve as astute in his play with magic as many alchemists were.

At the same time, the Council of Trent (1545-1563) which did not realize its objective to reconcile the western church, agreed to put on the index the books of the physician, humanist and social satirist Rabelais, which were also condemned by the Sorbonne. Rabelais was a humanist with a powerful pen in the service of the human rights. He had many powerful friends who saved him from an otherwise terrible fate. His irony was as cutting and painful as were the sword and the flames of those times. He preached the liberty of education and satirized strongly the Sorbonne which was still a medieval and scholastic rampart and condemned Rabelais many times till his death, 1533. One may not forget, that only a century ago, the University of Paris which included the Sorbonne as one of its colleges, condemned Joan of Arc to be handed over to the secular power, because of her heresy, despite of her abjuration. Joan of Arc was nineteen when she was burned alive at the stake, 30.05.1431.

The Sorbonne also published one of the first index of forbidden literature. Only about 10% of the population could read and write at that time. Books were a public danger, being read by a turbulent and active minority.

A curious event of book burning happened in Basel, 1527, June 24. But this time just the old and approved authors" like Avercenna and Galen, where thrown into the flames, because they were no longer accepted as the last word in medicine. The best physician of the time, was Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim, who called himself Paracelsus, that means beyond Celsus, the renowned Roman physician from the first century. He ignited deliberately the old books in front of the university of Basel. He was an innovator in many things he did, but made many enemies and had to flee from Basel to save his life. This was his second long wandering where he found enough time to write new treatises and revise his old ones. Paracelsus regained his world notoriety and most of his findings are still valid to day. His life was short but incredibly full and died in his native country Austria, at Salzburg, in 1541, in his best years, aged 48.

A direct successor of Paracelsus, who was born at the end of the XVI century and also a forerunner of modern medicine was Johann Baptist van Helmont.

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## Signs Of The Times (XIV)

by Seraphim Rose

## THE GROWING COLD OF LOVE

Another very symptomatic sign of our times is the next one mentioned in this chapter of Matthew: that the love of many grows cold. This seems to be a definite characteristic of our times, to a quite greater degree than at any time in past history. One can see this in what can be called "materialism". People are more interested in pleasure, reason, not for gain but just for a thrill because they do not have God inside them. In all kinds of places now, one can see the lack of normal human relationships in families, which produces cold people. It is this kind of people who, in a totalitarian society, are used as slave drivers, working in the concentration camps and so on.

Recently, there had the tragedy in Jonestown, which was composed of American citizens. The people there were idealists who devoted themselves utterly to a cause. Although it's come out now that it was actually a communist commune, still the people were supposed to be Christians. The leader was a minister of the so-called Church of Christ, who was preaching divine commandments. And yet, the people, supposedly having some awareness of God and Christianity, coldly killed each other. Those who drank and administered the poison to their children did so with calm faces. There's no problem: that's just your duty, that's what you're told to do. This kind of coldness is what Christ is talking about. Any kind of normal human love has been replaced because Christ has gone out of the heart; God has gone out. This is a frightful sign of our times. In fact, they very thing that happened in Jonestown is a warning because it looks as though much worse things

are going to come. This is satan's work, quite obviously.

Just a year or two before that occurred, we heard of what happened in Cambodia. A small army of revolutionaries—some 150,000 people together—took a whole country in their hands and killed off at least two million people quite ruthlessly, based on some abstract ideas. We're going to get back to the country, they said; therefore, everybody is to leave the cities. If you can't leave the city, you die. People in the hospitals

had to go from their

beds, and

they couldn't go, they died—they were shot and left in a ditch. Corpses were piled up in the cities—it was frightful.

This was the same kind of thing as what occurred in Jonestown: coldness based upon the idea—which looks realistic—but brings complete heartlessness. That Dostoevsky was right. In his book *The Possessed*, written in the 1870s, there was a Russian character named Shigopal, a theorist who had an absolute theory of how communism could come to earth. He believed that the ideal state upon earth will be true communism. Unfortunately, he said, in order to make sixty million people happy, you have to kill a hundred million people. But those sixty million people will be happier than anyone else has ever been happy,

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## Cleaner Gasoline and Vehicle Standards Would Yield Major Health Benefits

These new, more protective standards would limit sulfur in gasoline for the cost of about one penny per gallon and would tighten the limits on tailpipe emissions from new vehicles for the cost of less than \$1.50 per new vehicle. These revised gasoline standards would reduce pollution from all cars, light trucks and SUVs as soon as the cleaner fuel is in place.

"Americans drive a lot. The number of vehicles on the road and the mileage driven remain near an all-time high, exceeding millions of Americans to the harmful impacts of tailpipe pollution," said Paul G. Billings, Senior Vice President of the American Lung Association. "Although cars are a lot cleaner than they used to be, they are still a major source of pollution that makes us

sick." | from page 5

The burden of air pollution on people is not equal. Up to 45 percent of the urban North American population lives, works or goes to school within 300-500 meters of a major roadway, putting them at greater risk for harm from tailpipe pollution.

Children, the elderly, people with chronic lung and heart disease and diabetes, and those with low-income are near a major roadway. In fact, living near a major roadway can cause asthma attacks and may lead to childhood asthma, heart attacks and even premature death.

The proposed cleaner gasoline and vehicle standards will reduce ozone smog and particle pollution, which will bring relief to millions

and the hundred million people will be like fertilizer for the future world paradise. It so happens that in Russia there have been exactly a hundred million people missing since 1971, of which at least sixty million were killed by the Soviets themselves.

So this sign is very present in our times: that love grows cold. This occurs among Christians also, not just in the world at large.

Then another sign, which in our times has reached greater dimensions than ever before, is that the Gospel is being preached in the whole world. This is because it is in that very form of the Gospel is being spread in almost all the languages which are spoken on the earth now—at least a thousand languages, I think. Moreover, the Orthodox Gospel is being preached all over Africa now. We send our magazines to Uganda and Kenya, and receive letters back—very often from young African boys who are converts to Orthodoxy. They have the utmost respect for their bishop; they go to seminary. It's obvious that a very Orthodox feeling is being given to these people in Africa. They are very simple people. Orthodoxy has not had to be complicated if they are very simple people to spread the Gospel. It's only when other forms come in that challenge it and to say that the Orthodox means something else, trying to give over-literally interpretation which mean doing away with priests and bishops, etc. that the people begin to get mixed up. If they're preached the Orthodox Gospel, simple people respond now in the same way that they've always responded in the past. The problem is, rather, with complicated people.

of Americans suffering from asthma and other lung diseases and cardiovascular diseases. Also by keeping people healthier, families will miss fewer days at work and the US will save billions of dollars in lower health care costs.

According to a recent American Lung Association nationwide, bipartisan survey, by a 2 to 1 margin American voters support EPA setting stricter standards on gasoline and tightening limits on tailpipe emissions from new vehicles.

Not only does the American public support standards that better protect our health, but automakers, Governors, state and local air agencies, labor groups, health groups and environmental groups all support these lifesaving standards.



## Russia: "Pussy Riot" member on hunger strike moved to hospital

A member of the Russian punk band "Pussy Riot" who went on hunger strike in jail last week has been taken to hospital. Maria Alyokhina was moved to a hospital in her prison colony in the far east town of Bereziniki, the husband of one of the bandmates told the Associated Press quoted by BBC. Alyokhina began her protest after being banned from attending a parole hearing. She and two other members of the "Pussy Riot" group were jailed after staging an anti-Vladimir Putin protest in a Moscow cathedral in February last year.

One, Yekaterina Samutsevich, had her sentence suspended on appeal last October. Another, Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, was denied parole last month. In a letter published by her lawyers earlier this week,

Alyokhina claimed prison officials were attempting to turn fellow inmates against her by holding a security crackdown in advance of the parole hearing. Alyokhina previously spent five months in solitary confinement after claiming that officials deliberately lodged her with hardened criminals and encouraged them to intimidate her.

The "Pussy Riot" trio were jailed for two years last August after being convicted of a breach of public order motivated by religious hatred.

The prosecution prompted worldwide condemnation, with Sir Paul McCartney among those calling for the band members to be freed.



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